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From the Chairman's Desk ...

Dear friends,

It is indeed a pleasure for me to present to you this issue of our bi-monthly e-Communiqué of Chandigarh - '**Chandiqué**'.

The CII Chandigarh Council provided various platforms to its members to interact with Administration over a host of issues of concern including security, infrastructure development and current policies to boost the competitiveness of the industry in the City. To add on to the stream of initiatives, CII Chandigarh Council organized session on Integrated Management Systems to by address the sustainable development issues such as prevention of pollution and corresponding impacts on environment, employee health and safety, including identifying, planning and establishing systems that affect the quality of product or service, and ensuring that these processes and practices are carried out ethically and under the best interest of the employee.

CII Chandigarh Council also organized a Brain Storming Session on Industrial Policy to cull out further suggestions and recommendations to be sent to the Administration for inclusion in the Industrial Policy for Chandigarh

We intend to keep this Newsletter interactive and user friendly. We look forward to your invaluable suggestions and support.

With best wishes,

Partap K Aggarwal
Chairman
CII Chandigarh Council

Quote



Apart from the technology used, it is the human factor, which differentiates organizations

Useful Website

www.smenetwork.net

A unique internet based infrastructure that includes:

- Marketing platform composed of SMEs with data verified by associations
- One stop source of information
- Communication tools for information exchange between associations and their members
- SME e-communities, both Sectoral and Geographic

City Round – Up

Chandigarh to introduce round-the-clock radio auto service

Chandigarh is set to add another one to its bag of firsts. It will soon become the first city in the country to introduce 24X7 LPG radio auto service. Intended users will now no longer have to run after autos, these will be just a call away by dialing a four-digit number, if one has not yet hit the road. These will be available round the clock.

The done-up eco-friendly LPG-CNG-run green-looking autos with yellow tops will be equipped with Global Positioning System (GPS) connected with GSM/CDMA/landline network and other facilities for the comfort and safety of passengers. What's more, these will have an electronic indicator conveying if it is already hired or is available. The fare is yet to be fixed but indications are that it will be about Rs 5 per km.

Besides, the STA is all set to introduce non-AC taxi service in Chandigarh at reasonable fare. It will surely strengthen the transport system in the city. The facility will be a boom for the tourists and help save them lot of bother and inconvenience.

The department is pacing up the process of computerization of STA on the pattern of the Registering and Licensing Branch to ensure single-window service to the general public. Last but not the least, the STA has decided to install speed governors in CTU and school buses this year to ensure safety and security of commuters and school children.

Five new e-Sampark Centers to come up

Buoyed up by the overwhelming response, the Chandigarh Administration has decided to open five new e-Sampark centers in Sectors 34, 32, 27, 22 and 38. Work is apace and these centers should be in operation soon. Presently, ten e-Sampark centers are catering to the needs of the residents of Chandigarh.

The UT Administration also proposes to widen the ambit of these centers to include more services. Initially, these had been equipped to provide 11 services pertaining to seven departments. Now, it is planned to offer 20 services by increasing the number of counters at each e-Sampark centre to 40 from 12 at present. At present, 23G2C and 5B2C services are being provided at ten e-sampark centers spread all over the city.

Replicating the success in UT villages, as many as 14 gram sampark centers have already been established. The Administration has, with the help of Department of Rural Development, identified 17 locations to set up gram sampark centers. Unused panchayat buildings will be put to use for the purpose.

Minimum Wage rate increased by Rs 120 per month for Industrial workers

The Chandigarh Administration has increased the basic daily and monthly rates of minimum wages for daily and monthly rated employees as per the Consumer Price Index Number of Chandigarh Centre for the half year ending September 2008.

The monthly minimum wages for unskilled have been increased from Rs. 3741.50 to Rs 3861.50 from April 1, 2009. **For Semi-Skilled-II**, it has been increased from Rs. 3891.50 to Rs 4011.50. For **Semi-Skilled-I**, the minimum monthly wages have been hiked from Rs.3991.50 to Rs. 4111.50, for **Skilled-II** from Rs. 4191.50 to Rs. 4311.50, for **Skilled-I** from Rs. 4416.50 to Rs. 4536.50 and for **Highly Skilled** from Rs. 4816.50 to Rs. 4936.50 Similarly, for **Class III** (Staff) the minimum monthly wages have been increased from Rs.4016.50 to 4136.50, for **Class-II** (Staff) from Rs. 4166.50 to Rs. 4286.50 and for **Class I** (Staff) from Rs. 4527.50 to Rs. 4647.50.

Besides this, rates of minimum wages have been revised for workers employed with hotels, restaurants, tea stalls and halwais. The minimum wages without food and lodging for unskilled workers have been revised from Rs.3741.50 to Rs. 3861.50. The minimum wages without food and lodging for Semi-Skilled-II have been increased from Rs.3891.50 to Rs.4011.50, for Semi-Skilled-I from Rs.3991.50 to Rs. 4111.50, for Skilled-II from Rs.4191.50 to Rs.4311.50, for Skilled-I from Rs.4416.50 to Rs.4536.50, for Highly Skilled from Rs.4816.50 to Rs. 4936.50, for Class III (Staff) from Rs. 4016.50 to Rs.4136.50, for Class-II (Staff) from Rs. 4166.50 to Rs.4286.50 and for Class I (Staff) it has been raised from Rs. 4527.50 to Rs.4647.50.

Similarly, daily rated employees will get increase of Rs.4.56/- @ paisa 0.19 per point on the increase of 24 points. The minimum rates of wages are payable for daily and monthly rated employees for the period starting from March 1, 2009 to September 30, 2009 (both days inclusive).

CCTV cameras in Hotels Restaurants etc

As a measure of safety and security of general public, the Chandigarh Administration has ordered the installation of CCTV cameras by every owner/proprietor/hotel manager/restaurants/guests house/cinemas/multiplexes covering entry, exists, reception and parking at their premises. The cameras should have recording of about 30 days.

District Magistrate has issued the order for the security of persons visiting Hotels/ Restaurants/ Guest Houses / Cinemas / Multiplexes in the UT Chandigarh, as strict vigilance is required in view of recent terrorist strikes in the country.

Setting up food processing industry in Chandigarh

The Industries Department, UT, has again taken up with the Union Ministry of Food Processing, Government of India, it's proposal for exploring the possibility of setting up food processing industry in Chandigarh under the centrally sponsored scheme. The proposal had been mooted by the Regional Centre for Agro Processing Development Society which sees vast scope for such units in the Union Territory.

New in the city

Chandigarh Judicial Academy - Sector 43

The Academy has been constructed by the Engineering Department of the Chandigarh Administration at a cost of Rs. 63 crores in an area of 8.5 acres in 22 months. The 5-storey Judicial Academy accommodates lecture halls, conference room, tea room, computer room, research wing, printing and stationery wing, offices of Director General, Additional senior faculty members and staff.

The residential part of the building comprise of two Hostel Blocks in the first phase accommodating 93

rooms for Trainee Officers and 10 suits for Resource persons. There are facilities like Gymnasium Hall, Cafeteria, Recreational Block, reading room and dinning hall. A solar energy system and networking system has been installed in the Complex.

Renovated Multipurpose Hall, Open Air Theatre & International Doll Museum at Bal Bhavan

The Multipurpose hall, having a seating capacity of 300 persons, has been renovated at a cost of Rs.

25.00 lakhs, the Open Air Theatre with a capacity of 500 persons, at a cost of Rs. 20.54 lakhs and the International Doll Museum at an estimated expenditure of Rs. 43.73 lakhs.

All these projects have been given a new look, by adding state-of-the-art facilities to meet the emerging functional requirements of the theatrical world and the changing pattern of our society.

Housing Complex In PGIMER Residential Area

The Housing Complex has 64 types –III houses in PGI Residential Complex. Constructed by the Chandigarh Housing Board on a plot area of 5120 sq. mtr., each unit covers an area of 80 sq. mtr. and has a living room, balcony, lobby, bath, kitchen and other support facilities. All the houses have a RCC framed structure and good quality flooring work with kota stone tiles.

Chandigarh Administration – An Update

- Mr Sanjay Kumar, Finance Secretary, Chandigarh Administration would look after the charge of the post of **secretary, Rural Development of Panchayats, Union Territory, Chandigarh** in addition to his own duties during the election duty of Mohanjeet Singh at Parliamentary Constituency, Dhaurahra, UP.
- Mr P.S. Shergill, Sub Divisional Magistrate (Central), Chandigarh has been given the additional charge of **Sub Divisional Magistrate (Head quarter)** Union Territory, Chandigarh.
- Justice Pritam Pal, has been appointed as **President, State Commission, UT, Chandigarh.**
- Mr Kamlesh Kumar has been ordered to join as **Assistant Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh**
- Mrs Jaswinder Kaur Sidhu to join as **Secretary, Chandigarh Housing Board**
- Mr Sunil Bhatia to join as **Chief General Manager, Chandigarh Industrial & Tourism Development Corporation Limited**
- Chandigarh Administration has designated Ar. Sumit Kaur, Chief Architect as **Appellate Authority in respect of Architecture and T.P. Wings of the Department of Urban Planning** in place of Smt. Manjit Kaur, Senior Town Planner, U.T, Chandigarh.
- Mr. Gaurav Gangwar, Lecturer is appointed as **Central Public Information Officer for Chandigarh College of Architecture** during the leave period of Sh. Kamal Kumar Bahri, Superintendent-1 that is from June 1 to July 31, 2009.

Source : www.chandigarh.nic.in

CII Activities

Meeting with Mr Ram Niwas, Home Secretary, Chandigarh

25 June 2009: Chandigarh

A meeting with Mr Ram Niwas, Home Secretary, Chandigarh was organized on 25 June 2009 at UT Secretary, Chandigarh. This focus of the meeting was to apprise the Home Secretary of the various forthcoming Events of CII. This meeting was a step forward to explore possibilities of Chandigarh Administration and CII working together.

Brain Storming Session on Industrial Policy for Chandigarh

27 June 2009

Industry has long been demanding the formulation of an Industrial Policy for the Union Territory of Chandigarh. Formulation of an Industrial Policy will help the local industry gain access to much-needed funds for technology up gradation and modernization from agencies like SIDBI.

The Industries Department of Chandigarh Administration is preparing a draft policy. Although CII has been instrumental in preparing this draft, to cull out further suggestions and recommendations to be sent

to the Administration for inclusion in the Industrial Policy for Chandigarh, CII Chandigarh Council organized a **Brain Storming Session on Industrial Policy.**

The key takeaways included: A city like Chandigarh should opt for an industrial policy, which encourages industries that are highly technology intensive, non-polluting, sophisticated, and high value addition generating. The definition of “industry” should be broad-based to include not just the traditional manufacturing sector, but new economy sectors such as IT, biotech, telecom, retailing, healthcare, entertainment and tourism etc.

For face lift / maintenance of industrial areas, Administration could consider constitution of a Board of Management with representatives from the industry associations/industry in that area. A dedicated fund for upgradation of the infrastructure in existing Industrial areas should also be created like in case of Karnataka, which has proposed an Infrastructure Upgradation Fund of Rs 500 crores for existing industrial areas. Also, the FAR should be same i.e. 1.5 in all the industrial areas.

Existing industries located in Phases I & II of the Industrial Area should be encouraged to upgrade their

technology and become globally competitive. Technology Upgradation Fund with a specified corpus should be created for SMEs with a provision of interest subsidy for Technology upgradation funding.

CII's cluster programme which essentially focuses on enhancing competitiveness could be combined with the traditional concept of cluster – which focuses on setting up of common facilities, marketing, sourcing etc. CII recommends initiating an Integrated Cluster Pilot Project (ICCP), combining the two cluster concepts

Workshop on Integration of Management Systems (IMS)

29 June 2009: CII NR Headquarters, Chandigarh

In the current financial breakdown, the long term success of any industry increasingly depends on the integration of the management systems into all aspects of operations by addressing the sustainable



development issues such as prevention of pollution and corresponding impacts on environment, employee health and safety, including identifying, planning and establishing systems that affect the quality of product or service, and ensuring that these processes and practices are carried out ethically and under the best interest of the employee. This was stated by Mr Shikhar Jain, Senior Counsellor, CII-ITC Centre of

Excellence for Sustainable Development (CESD) while conducting the workshop on Integrated Management Systems (IMS) organised by CII Chandigarh Council along with CII-ITC Centre of Excellence of Sustainable Development (CESD) here at Chandigarh.

The workshop aimed to facilitate an understanding of quality management systems (as per ISO 9001:2008), environment management systems (as per ISO 14001:2004), occupational health and safety management systems (as per OHSAS 18001:2007) and social accountability management systems (as per SA 8000:2008) as also to give an overview of the processes and steps involved in the integration of management systems, which in turn will enable an organization to make progress, thus promoting continuing and lasting success.

The session was well attended by over 35 Professionals from various industries from the region like Vodafone Essar South Limited, Shivalik Solid Waste Management Limited, Reliance Industries Limited, Groz-Beckert Asia Pvt Limited, Phoenix Udyog P Limited, Rayat-Bahra Group, Nahar Industrial Enterprises Limited, to name a few.

CII participated in the following meetings:

- Meeting with Mr Sanjay Kumar, Finance Secretary, Chandigarh Administration on development of convention centre in Chandigarh held on 8 June 2009
- Meeting of the Chandigarh IT Sub Group held on 11 June 2009
- Meeting with Mr Samwartak Singh, DPI (Schools), Chandigarh held on 12 June 2009
- Meeting of the Chandigarh Sub Group on Industrial Development held on 19 June 2009

Young Indians

Yi Annual Day

2 May 2009 : Chandigarh

Ms Anupama Arya, then Chairperson, Yi Chandigarh Chapter presented the annual review at the Yi Chandigarh Chapter Annual Session. Mr Mohit Chitkara, Vice President, Chitkara Education Trust has been chosen as the new Chairman for Yi Chandigarh Chapter.

CII Yi Voter Awareness Campaign “Baad Mein Maat Bolna” challenged the young voters to find their reason to register and vote

2-9 May 2009 : Chandigarh

Each individual shall & will vote and encourage people around to vote. This was the key message conveyed by the CII Yi Chandigarh Chapter launched week long

Voter Awareness Campaign, Baad Mein Mat Bolna. Kicked off on 2nd May 2009 at Sukhna Lake and concluding with a human chain at Sector 17, Plaza on



9th May 2009, the Campaign by creatively infusing technology, entertainment and education, challenged the young voters, especially the first time voters to find their reason to register and vote.



Making an impassioned plea, Ms Neelam Man Singh, eminent theatre personality and Guest of Honour at

the Launch Ceremony said, “We must see the 15th Lok Sabha Elections as a huge opportunity to profess our citizenship and participate proactively in the spirit of democracy and vote for good governance”

In order to address the general apathy to elections and engage people in elections the campaign had interesting features like

- Street Plays
- Interactive Quiz & Voting Trivia
- Signature Campaign Poster & Table Talkies displays
- Airing jingles at FM Mass SMS
- Pledge Cards
- Human Chain

The Campaign targeted prime locations of the city like The Lake, Sector 17, Punjab University, Shopping Mall - Fun Republic and St Stephens School.

Water to be most affected by climate change : CII – Yi Session on Climate Change

5 June 2009 : Chandigarh

Water scarcity is expected to become a matter of grave concern than it is today as the increasing ill effects of climate change will shrink the resources of fresh water was the key discussion point at the awareness session on Climate Change organized by CII’s Young Indians Chandigarh Chapter at Regional Institute of Cooperative Management today to commemorate the World Environment Day.

“Climate Change has been recognized as a major threat for human life. Severity of this problem brings catastrophic effects which various countries have already witnessed. Increasing temperatures, changing patterns of precipitation, increased frequency of extreme events, and continuous rise in the sea level are some of the recent outcomes, highlighted Ms Deepali Garg, Environment Chair, Yi Chandigarh Chapter. We have to be together to overcome the problem of climate change, she added.

Screening of documentaries, “An Inconvenient Truth” and CII’s “Climate Change and how it affects our health”, outlined that climate crisis is threatening the future of human civilization and that it can and must be solved.

Sharing the same thoughts, Mr Arjun Khanna, Youth Affairs Co- Chair, Yi Chandigarh Chapter said that “As responsible human beings we need to plant more trees and have a focus on environment education to make a large change”. It is ironical that we reduced farming, converting the land into gray forests and are now pressed to go back a whole circle of maintaining the green cover to address the issue of global warming, he added.



CII's Yi Chandigarh Chapter further plans to take the initiative of spreading awareness on environment conservation and management forward by planting saplings in the city, promoting organic food, reaching

out to children in schools and launching the Nanni Chaan Project in Chandigarh to promote the girl child and Environment.

View point!

Chandigarh emerging as a comprehensive ecosystem for development of ICT sector: CII

CII Press Release on 4 June 2009

"With over 22.7% growth of exports from Chandigarh amounting to Rs 731 crores (according to the Software Technology Parks of India) from the city based IT/ITES companies, Chandigarh is emerging as a comprehensive ecosystem for the development of the ICT Sector" said **Mr Partap K Aggarwal, Chairman, CII Chandigarh Council**. The growth of this sector is also a testimony of increase in city based entrepreneurs, which has also put a stop to the flight of skilled human capital to other parts of the country as well as the globe. The trend is expected to go much higher with the Entrepreneur Development Centre, which is also likely to be ready for use soon. CII would encourage its members to incubate more and use the facilities available at the EDC, he added.

Mr Aggarwal further mentioned that Chandigarh is the employment node for the entire northern region, known for its entrepreneurial skills and perseverance, qualities that are targeted by companies of the new economy. Many professionals who migrated to other parts of the country or the globe are now aspiring to come back to this region, due to the growth potential available here. In the Rajiv Gandhi Chandigarh Technology Park (RGCTP) alone there are more than 40 companies operational and many more are operational from various SCOs, resulting in over 10,000 jobs even in these recessionary times, he added.

Elaborating the initiatives taken by Confederation of Indian Industry for the development of the sector, Mr Aggarwal mentioned that CII has formed an IT CEOs Forum that provides a platform for its IT/ITES member companies in Chandigarh to work on their internal and external competence. The meetings, organised frequently, involve extensive discussions on vision & mission of the organization, business orientation, consultancy approach, customer satisfaction level and its achievement methods, HR practices and planning. CII has also organized business development meets for the sector with USA, European Union, Czech Republic and Australia, etc in the past year. Business missions to France & Germany were also organised, which has helped IT companies enhance their business, he added.

Sharing CII's agenda for the coming years, Mr Aggarwal mentioned that CII would work closely with the Chandigarh Administration in building bridges between its membership and institutes, which would further help Tricity evolve as a true IT destination for North.

"The city with its good quality of life and modern facilities available in the RGCTP like adequate bandwidth, 100% power back-up, sufficient car parking space, etc is an ideal place for the development of ICT sector", mentioned Mr Sameer Jain, a CII member and CEO of Net Solutions operating out of RGCTP.

To further promote the sector, Chandigarh Administration should consider giving preference to local entrepreneurs for various projects under its e-Governance projects and space in the RGCTP.

CII in Coming Months

IT CEOs Forum Meeting

3 July 2009 : Chandigarh

Union Budget 2009 -10 : Viewing Session

6 July 2009 : Chandigarh

Corporate Sports Meet

11 July 2009 : Chandigarh

CEO Series : Exclusive Session with Mr Tejpreet Singh Chopra, CEO, GE India, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh

16 July 2009 : Chandigarh

Convention on Wah! Chandigarh

22 July 2009 : Chandigarh

Yi Organic Dinner

24 July 2009 : Chandigarh

Business Seminar on Opportunities in the Nordic Market

4 August 2009 : Chandigarh

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CII in News

TALKING HEADS



Introduction of the carpet mega clusters in Sri Nagar, Mirzapur is a welcome step. CII along with J&K govt, National Task Force is working on skill development plans in carpet and handicraft industry in Sri Nagar and Baramulla. New cluster is in line with plan for J&K, UP.



"The Budget makes strong directional constraints in terms of good economic principles. GST by 2010 is welcome. Hike in minimum alternate tax (MAT) is likely to increase burden. Micro small, medium enterprises should cheer with Rs 4,000 crore fund."

CEO series launched at CII Chandigarh

Chandigarh: Tejendra S Chopra, president and CEO,

CII, India, while addressing participants at a session organised on Friday by Confederation of Indian Industry, Chandigarh Council, said the challenge today is to figure out ways as to how we can take along with us 400 million people who are living on less than a dollar a day in our country. Chopra asserted that it is imperative to make available easier and

Integration of management systems must for success

Use Correspondent Chandigarh, June 23

LONG TERM success of industry depends on the nature of all the management systems by addressing areas like decision-making, including the nature of pollution and spending impacts on nature, employees' health safety and overall these processes and ideas are carried out effectively and under the best out of the company. It was stated by Shikhar, director of Chandigarh Centre of Sustainable Development (CSD), during a workshop on Integrated Management Systems (IMS) organised by CII Chandigarh Centre of Excellence of Sustainable Development (CSESD) at Jalandhar.

IMS is a management system that integrates all systems and processes of an organisation into a complete network, enabling it to fit as a single unit with its objectives, leading to business activities. Jain observed that IMS provides overall improvement and ensures quality cost advantages, speed, innovation, building relationships.



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Industry calls it "a good wholesome Budget"

Special Correspondent

CHANDIGARH: Describing it as "a good wholesome Budget", Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) Northern Region chairman Harpal Singh on Monday said that it made a very strong directional constraints in terms of good economic principles and transparency and was citizen-friendly.

Echoing the opinions of capitalists industry in North India, he said the Budget moved towards a tax-friendly regime, seeking to broaden the tax base and aiming for faster growth.

A combination of top industrial leaders' was organised by CII Northern Region

Mr. Singh said though the increase in Minimum Alternate Tax (MAT) was a step which he would like to see, the burden on some sectors of the industry, the key thing was that the Finance Minister had by and large not increased rate of service tax and had reduced Customs duties.

The CII noted that the northern region found focus through special attention to Chandigarh, two mega carpet clusters in Sri Nagar (J&K) and Mirzapur (UP) and a carpet-horn cluster in Rajasthan. Also the Rs 4,000 crore special fund to assist the banks and State Financial Corporations to increase lending to Micro Small and

at this section of the manufacturing sector. The CII also appreciated the Budget's not touch through education and focus on women, welfare, climate and the common man. On the issue of rising fiscal deficit, the proposal of initiating institutional reforms during the current year has found favouring to the Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management (FRBM) Act targets at the output would ensure macro economic stability in the country.

Higher allocations for railways, highways, urban infrastructure, power, gas, irrigation and rural housing would have a big positive

'Chandigarh becoming hub for ICT sector'

Use Correspondent Chandigarh, June 23

"With a growth of over 22.7% in exports, amounting to Rs 731 crore, from Chandigarh-based IT/ITES companies, the city is fast emerging as a comprehensive ecosystem for development of the information and communication technology sector," said Parag K. Aggarwal, chairman, Confederation of Indian Industry, Chandigarh Council, on Friday.

He said the growth of this sector is also a testimony to the increase in city-based companies. The need is expected to be more

at the EDC. Aggarwal mentioned that Chandigarh is the employment node for the entire northern region, known for its entrepreneurial skills and perseverance, qualities that are targeted by companies of the new economy. Many professionals who migrated to other parts of the country in the past, are now aspiring to come back to this region due to the growth potential available here.

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City's IT export boom beats global slump

records 22.7 per cent growth in exports

Use Correspondent Chandigarh, June 23

THE dark clouds of recession exports from Chandigarh-based IT/ITES companies, recorded a 22.7 per cent growth in exports, according to figures provided by the Software Technology Parks of India from the city-based IT/ITES companies," Parag K. Aggarwal, Chairman, CII Chandigarh Council, said.

"The city is emerging as a complete ecosystem for development of the IT Sector. There has been a growth of over 22.7 per cent in exports amounting to Rs 731 crore (excluding the figures provided by the Software Technology Parks of India) from the city-based IT/ITES companies," Parag K. Aggarwal, Chairman, CII Chandigarh Council, said.

Aggarwal said CII would work closely with the Administration in building business houses, its membership and incubators, which would further help the IT industry in North India.

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